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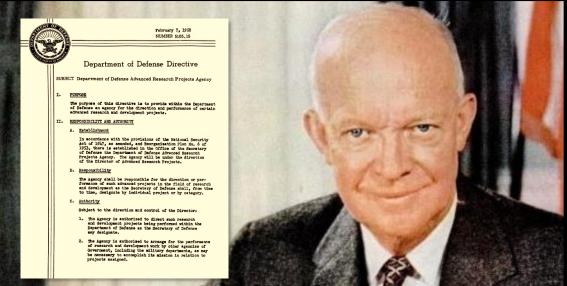
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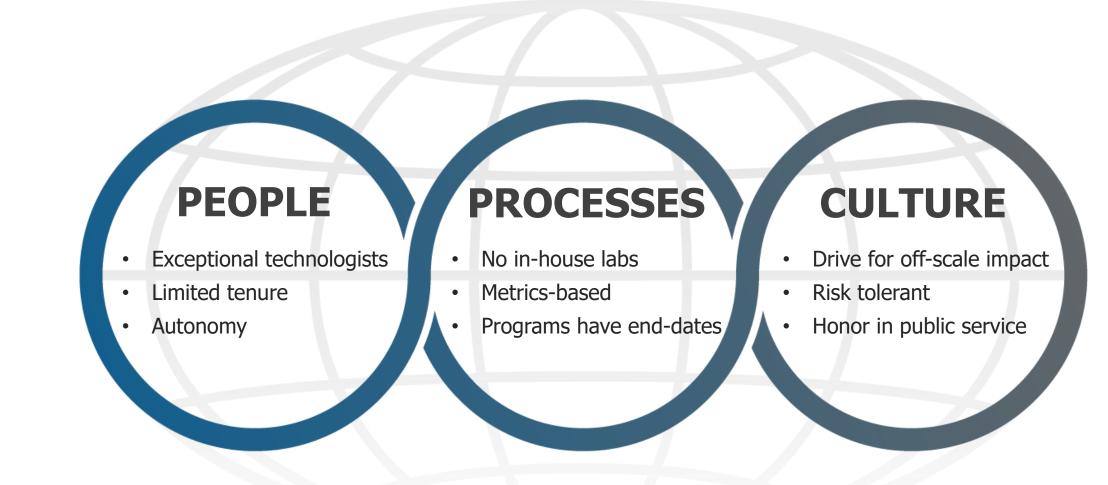




February 7, 1958

"The purpose of this directive is to provide within the Department of Defense an agency for the direction and performance of certain advanced research and development projects."





DARPA's culture persists and the agency delivers



- Do not work to requirements
- Separate and distinct from Service R&D organizations
- Pursue ideas that are out of the comfort zone of other agencies





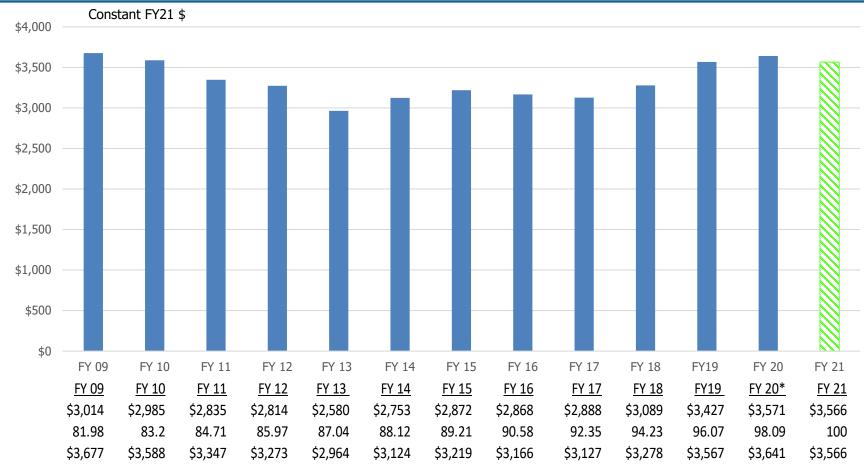
- 1. What are we trying to do?
- 2. How is it done today and who does it? What are the limitations of the present approaches?
- 3. What is new about our approach, and why do we think we can be successful at this time?
- 4. If we succeed, what difference do we think it will make?
- 5. How long do we think it will take, and what are our mid-term and final exams? How much will it cost?

DARPA

George Heilmeier DARPA Director 1975-1977



DARPA's budget



DARPA Topline (Then Year \$M) FY21 Deflators/Inflators (%) DARPA Topline (Constant FY21 \$M)

*FY 2020 includes \$113M CARES Act Supplemental for DARPA COVID support efforts

92% of funding to projects 66% to industry 18% to universities



PREVENT AND IMPOSE TECHNOLOGICAL SURPRISE













Past investments anticipated current needs of the COVID-19 fight

First vaccine trials

The first coronavirus vaccine to start human testing is from DARPA investment in the Moderna company. The vaccine is made via a new genetic method that does not depend on an overseas supply chain, or massive supplies of eggs as in traditional manufacturing. These features allow U.S. production of vaccine doses to be rapidly increased. Photo source: USA Toda



National Security How a secretive Pentagon agency seeded the ground for a rapid coronavirus cure



A nurse gives a volunteer an injection as part of a trial of a possible covid-19 vaccine, developed by the National Institutes of Health and Moderna, on July 27 in Binghamton, N.Y. (Hans Pennink/AP)

By Paul Sonne July 30, 2020 at 9:22 p.m. EDT

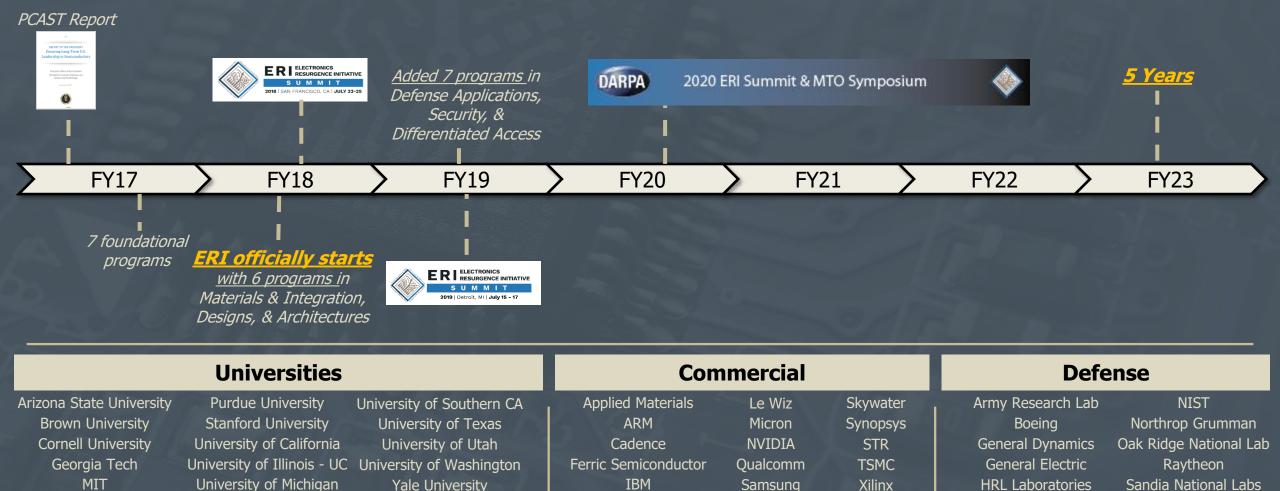
The scientists were working through the night over a weekend in February in their Vancouver offices, running a blood sample from an early American covid-19 survivor through a credit card-sized device made up of 200,000 tiny chambers, hoping to help save the world.

Their mission was part of a program under the Pentagon's secretive technology research agency. The goal: to find a way to produce antibodies for any virus in the world within 60 days of collecting a blood sample from a survivor.

Established years before the current pandemic, the program was halfway done when the first case of the novel coronavirus arrived in the United States early this year. But everyone involved in the effort by the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) knew their time had come ahead of schedule.



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Intel

Princeton University

University of Minnesota

Lockheed Martin



Military space – Pivot to Low Earth Orbit

Blackjack

Demonstrate a space order of battle architecture that cannot be easily defeated by a near peer, and enables one-to-twoyear technology refresh cycles vs. current 10-year cycles. In Sunt and Sunt I

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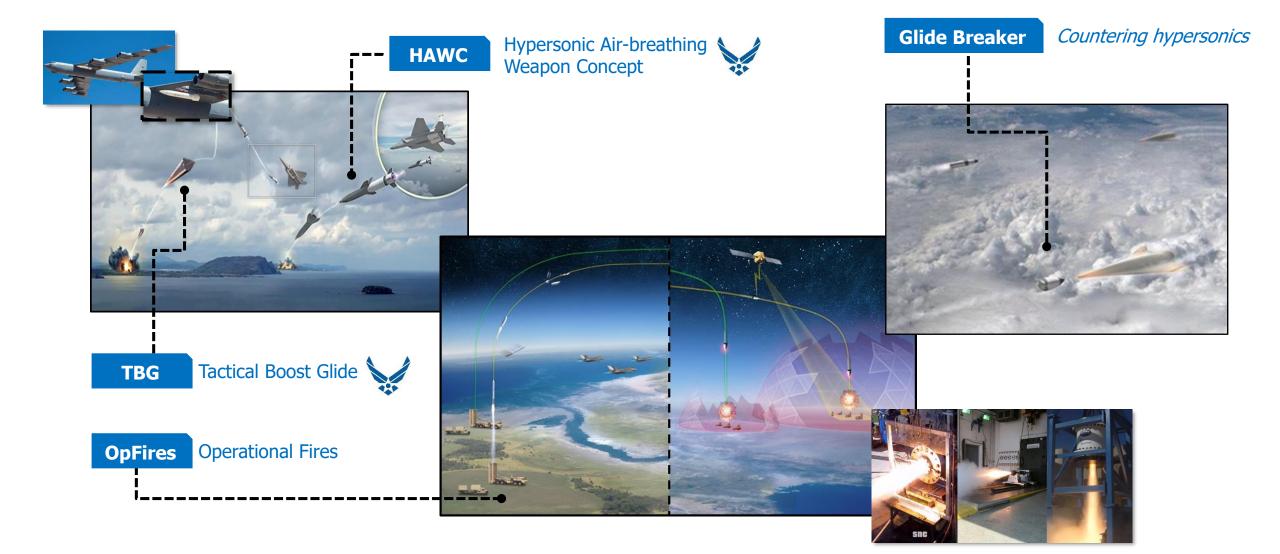
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Military satellite

network satellite

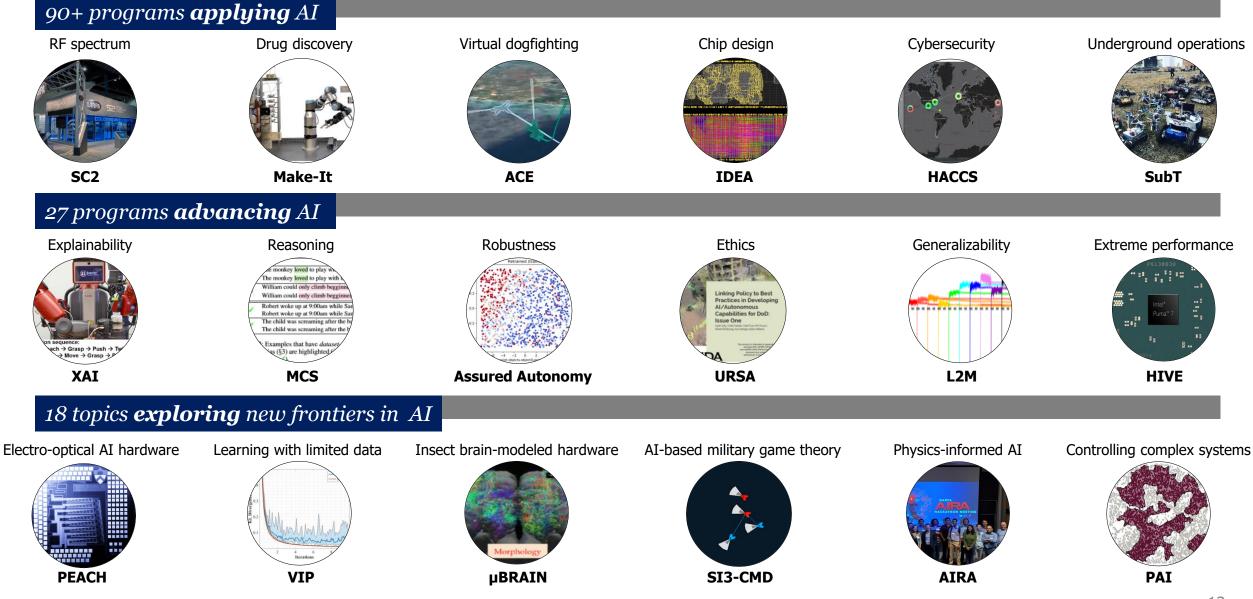


Air-launched and ground-launched hypersonics





AI Next Campaign: \$2B over five years to drive AI technologies





Working with DARPA

Programs

- Represent most of DARPA's funding opportunities
- Open to all capable sources
- Proposals solicited through specific program BAAs
- Often multi-year, multi-disciplinary efforts
- Technology development to move from "possibility" to "capability"



Challenges

- Compete on unique DARPA R&D
 problems
- Tend to include phases with culminating events where winners win monetary or other prizes
- May result in a prize with up to a \$10M fair market value



Seedlings and Explorations

- Open to all capable sources
- Usually submitted through Office-Wide BAA
- Small short duration (6-9 months) projects
- Move concepts from
 "disbelief" to "mere doubt"
- Lead to the next generation of program ideas



The certainty of the unknown — why increased federal investment in science and technology is a necessity

BY REPS. JIM LANGEVIN (D-R.I.), AND ELISE STEFANIK (R-N.Y.), OPINION CONTRIBUTORS - 05/21/20 09:30 AM EDT



As America faces a once in a generation health crisis, Congress has appropriated over 2.5 trillion dollars to the COVID-19 response in just a month and a half. Yet the percentage of federal spending on research and development – namely on the scientists and engineers who can innovate us out of this crisis and better prepare us for the next – has been in decline since the 1970s.

In a time when our national defense planning has shifted focus to great power competition, addressing the challenge posed by rising powers requires an ambitious plan for national investment and aggressive talent development in science and technology. Despite bipartisan support for increased investment in our national security innovation base in this era of strategic competition, growth in the science and technology budget is almost always sacrificed to field the mature technologies of today.

While we grappled with the COVID-19 pandemic, it is important to consider how the federal government can invest in innovations that will lead us out of this crisis, and protect against similar crises in the future. One agency is well-equipped to handle such investment: The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA).

DARPA/DSO 101

Dr. Valerie Browning, Director Defense Sciences Office

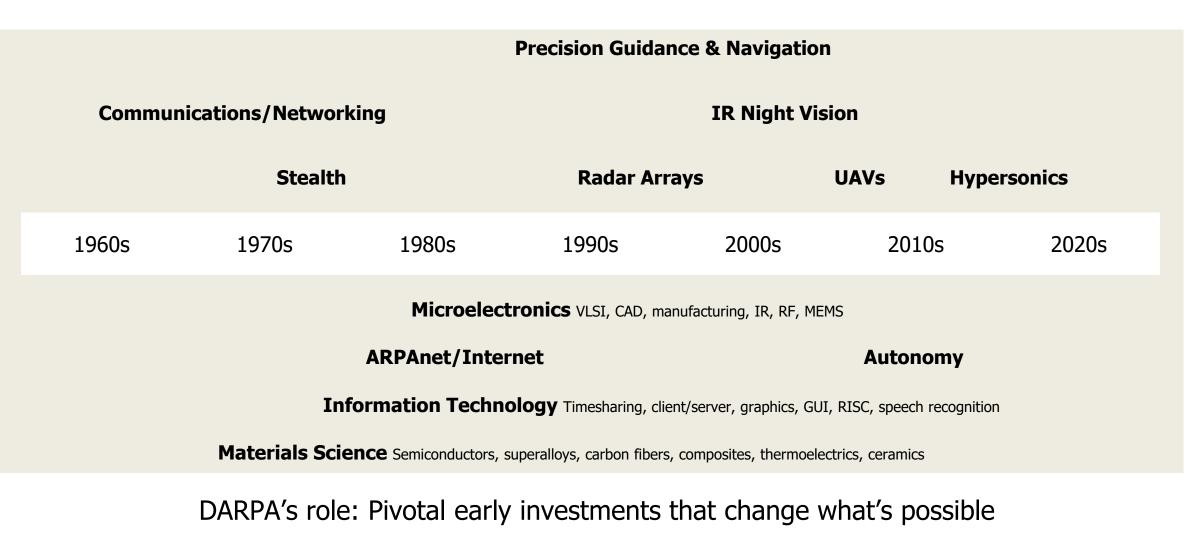
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Breakthrough Technologies and Capabilities for National Security





DARPA Technical Offices

МТО 120 DSI MICROSYSTEMS BIOLOGICAL **INFORMATION** DEFENSE **TECHNOLOGIES SCIENCES** INNOVATION **TECHNOLOGY** OFFICE OFFICE OFFICE OFFICE OFFICE Symbiosis: Biology for security • Lethality: Frontiers in • Electronics: drive Outpacing partner with solutions for DoD resilient infectious disease computation & machines access and killchains over invulnerable design infrastructure Neurotechnology • Analytics: systems Limits of sensing understand the • Spectrum: focus • Gene editing & & sensors world on usability of • Surprise: synthetic biology highly-adaptive heterogeneity over uniformity • Cyber: deter systems cyber attack systems Continuous • Sensors: enable high-end speed: agility capabilities to and adaptability surprise proliferate into over the field performance

STRATEGIC TACTICAL **TECHNOLOGY** TECHNOLOGY OFFICE

STO

Enterprise disruption: platforms, systems, and technologies that enable new warfighting constructs

- Crosscutting themes Eliminate highvalue assets
- Exploit crossdomain seams
- Enable decisionmaking asymmetry





DARPA: Create and prevent technological surprise

DSO—"DARPA's DARPA"

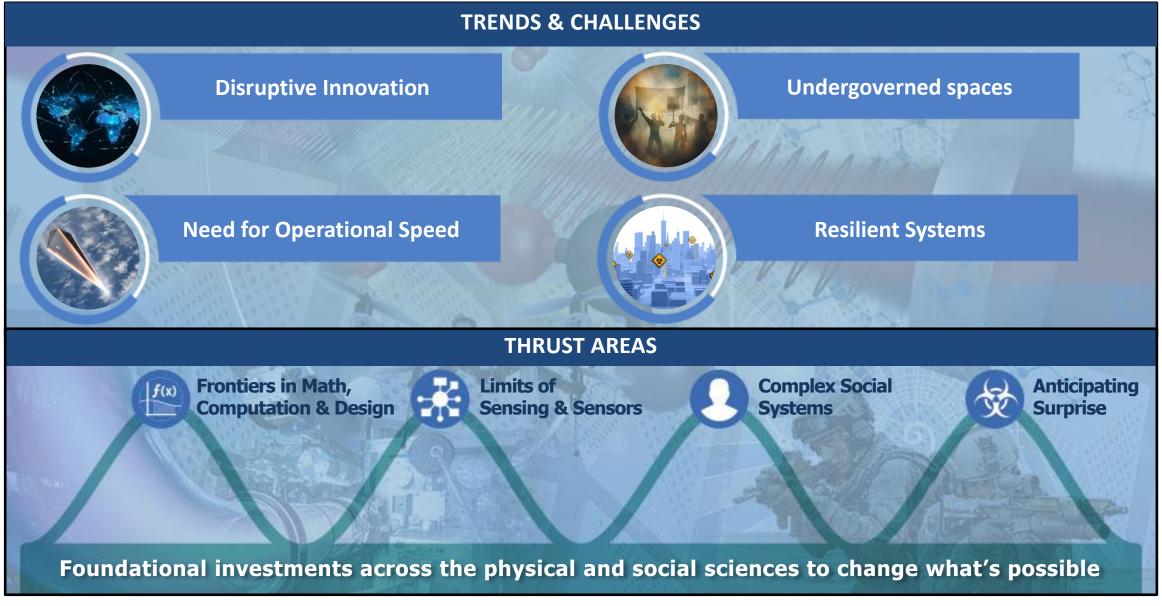
- Creates opportunities from scientific discovery
- Invests in multiple, often disparate, scientific disciplines--everywhere the rest of DARPA is, and more
- Focuses on mission-informed research

DSO: The Nation's first line of defense against scientific surprise



DSO: Changing what is possible











Limits of Sensing & Sensors

(quantum sensing, imaging through scattering media, novel light matter interactions, 3D scene reconstruction)



Frontiers in Math, Computation & Design

(quantum information processing, alternative computing, foundational AI science, design tools)

Complex Social Systems

(new social science tools and methodologies, human-machine teaming, wargaming, deterrence)



Anticipating Surprise

(WMD/WMT detection, materials for harsh environments, advanced manufacturing, autonomy)





Limits of Sensing & Sensors

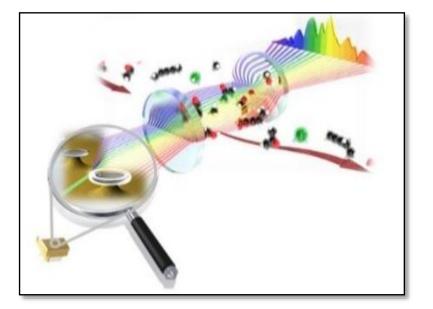


Motivation: Sensing and measurement of various signals are ubiquitous to military systems and missions

- ISR
- PNT
- Health monitoring
- Target ID/tracking

Limits of Sensing & Sensors is exploring both fundamental and practical limits of novel DoD sensors

- New sensing modalities
- Fundamental sensing limits
- Engineered materials that enable novel optics and imaging capabilities
- Fundamental and practical limits of quantum enabled sensing and metrology
- Practical and deployable sensing and sensor designs





Complex Social Systems



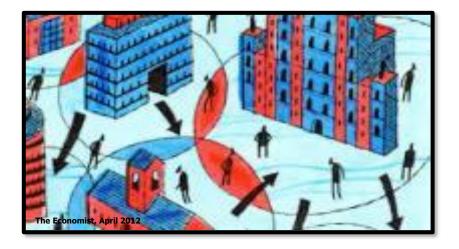
Motivation: Understanding the dynamics of complex social networks is critically important for many military operations

- Stability and deterrence
- Counter-terrorism
- Training and mission planning
- Wargaming

Complex Social Systems is addressing challenges in leveraging social behavior science innovation for DoD

- Reproducibility/replicability in DoD scenarios
- Planning for heterogeneous teams of humans and machines

- Accurate and scientifically validated models of the social dynamics underlying different kinds of conflict
- Capabilities to improve understanding of causality in complex social systems
- Artificial intelligence and other tools that enable improved human-machine symbiotic decision-making
- New concepts in war-gaming and conflict simulation to identify and understand option for deterrence and stability
 operations







Motivation: Ensure that U.S. warfighters have access to the most advanced technologies

Anticipating Surprise invests in "leap ahead" capabilities for specific current and/or future threats

- Hypersonics
- WMD/WMT
- Robust space situational awareness
- Etc.

- Novel functional and structural materials and manufacturing processes
- Materials for harsh environments
- Defense against WMD/WMT threats
- Energetic materials
- New propulsion concepts
- Novel approaches to energy storage and power generation





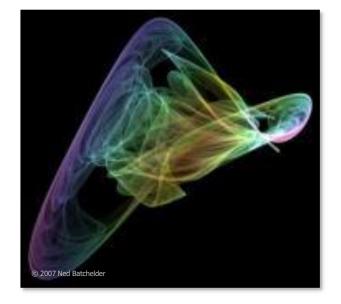


Motivation: DoD operational environments are increasingly technologically sophisticated, fast-paced, complex and dynamic

Frontiers in Math, Computation & Design is addressing challenges in how we design and plan for future military needs:

- Materials
- Platforms
- Systems

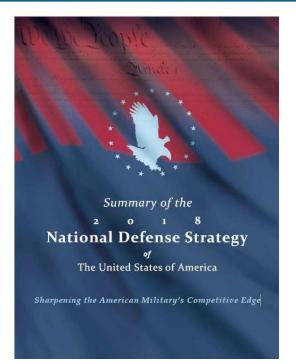
- Mathematical, computational, and design frameworks and tools that provide robust solutions to challenging DoD problems such as planning, optimization, and platform design
- Fundamental scientific underpinnings and limits of machine learning and artificial intelligence
- Alternative computing models, architectures, and substrates for faster, more robust decision making





Disruptioneering





- "Harness and protect the National Security Innovation Base"
- "Deliver performance at the speed of relevance"
- National Defense Strategy

Disruptioneering is a DSO rapid acquisition approach to increasing the speed of innovation:

- High risk concept exploration
- Acquisition tailored to speed (idea to program in 90 days)
- Program Announcement (DARPA-PA-20-01) released May 14, 2020:
 - https://beta.sam.gov/opp/2b0e8684bf054bcb8b9b280cb4498849/view#general





AIE will enable DARPA to fund pioneering AI research to discover new areas where R&D programs may be able to advance the state of the art

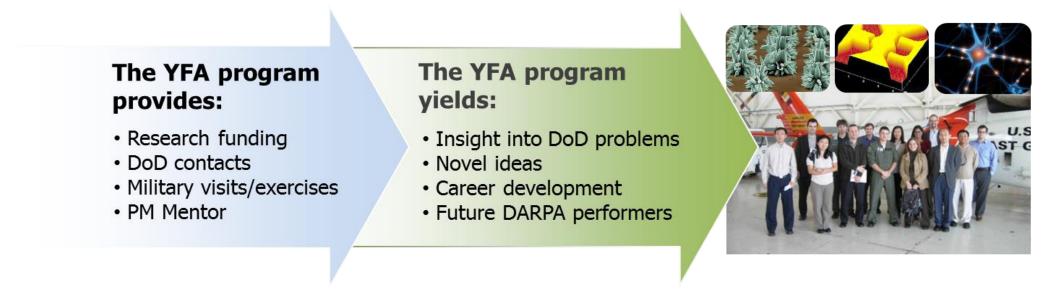
- The pace of discovery in AI science and technology is accelerating worldwide
- The AI Exploration (AIE) program is part of DARPA's broader AI investment strategy that will help ensure the U.S. maintains a technological advantage in this critical area
- Program Announcement (DARPA-PA-20-02) released August 20, 2020:
 - <u>https://beta.sam.gov/opp/667875ba2f464ccfa38688ea1a718fe7/view</u>

This new approach enables DARPA to go from idea inception to exploration in fewer than 90 days!





Identify and engage **rising stars** in junior research positions, emphasizing those without prior DARPA funding, and expose them to DoD needs and DARPA's program development process



2021 YFA topics anticipated to be posted in September 2020

Develop the next generation of academic scientists, engineers, and mathematicians who will focus a significant portion of their career on DoD and National Security issues



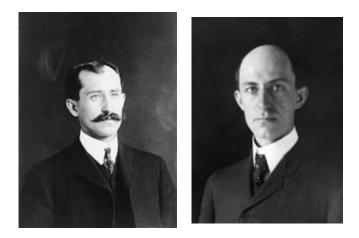


"The flying machine which will really fly might be evolved by the combined and continuous efforts of mathematicians and mechanicians in from one million to ten million years"

- The New York Times
 - 9 October 1903

"We started assembly today"

- Orville Wright's Diary
 - 9 October 1903



Biological Technologies Office (BTO)

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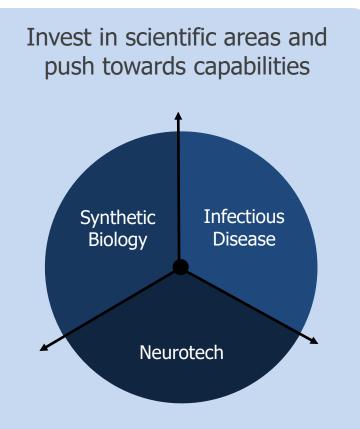
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Foundations



Capabilities

Target capabilities leveraging multiple areas of biotechnology

Detection and Protection

Physiological Interventions

Warfighter Performance

Operational Biotechnology

Operationalization

Integrate capabilities into systems that leverage biotechnology

Overmatch

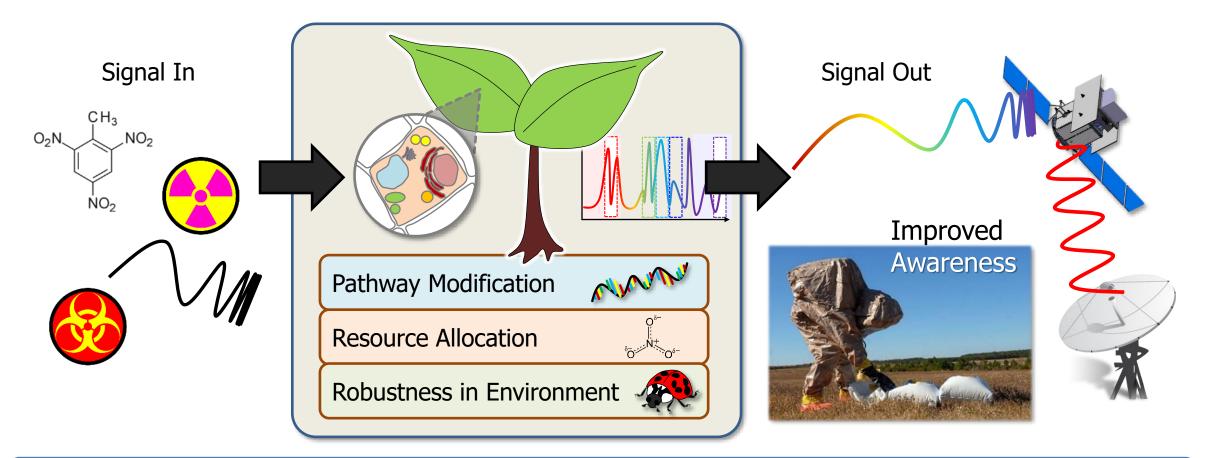








DoD Problem: Persistent CBRNE monitoring requires sustained power and maintenance



Vision: Develop plants capable of serving as next-generation, persistent, ground-based sensors to protect deployed troops and the homeland by detecting and reporting on chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosive threats

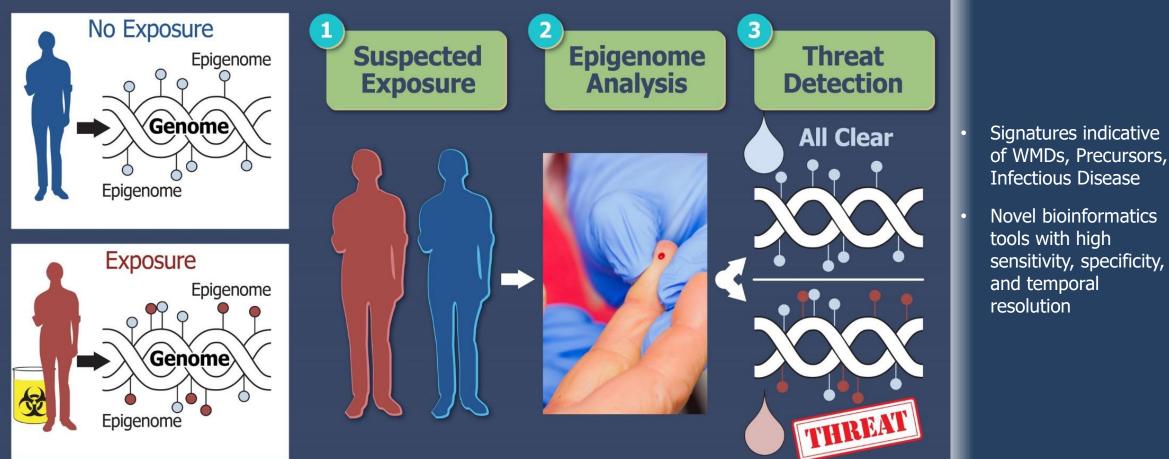
DETECT AND

PROTECT



DETECT AND PROTECT

DoD Need: Build a biographical description from an individual's epigenome to transform forensics and diagnostics for national security



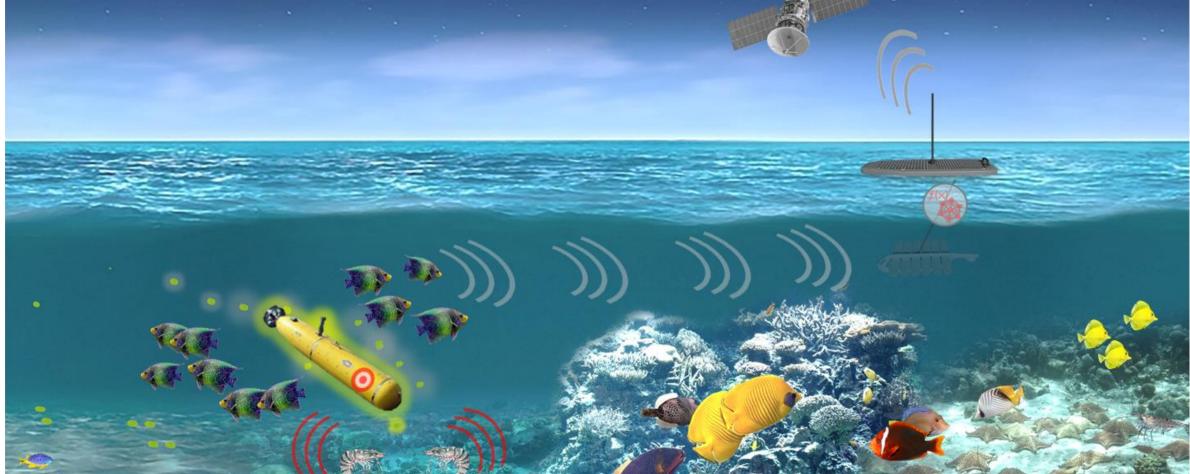
Vision: Ability to detect and analyze an individual's epigenome for exposure to chemical, biological and radiological events in field forward or austere conditions



Persistent Aquatic Living Sensors (PALS)

OPERATIONAL BIOTECHNOLOGY

DoD Problem: Current underwater surveillance requires logistically challenging sensor systems that limit persistence and scale of detection area



Vision: Detect underwater targets by leveraging marine organism signals and translate those signal into relevant DoD information



Engineered Living Materials (ELM)

OPERATIONAL BIOTECHNOLOGY

DoD Problem: Construction materials are inert, resource-intensive, and start to degrade immediately when deployed



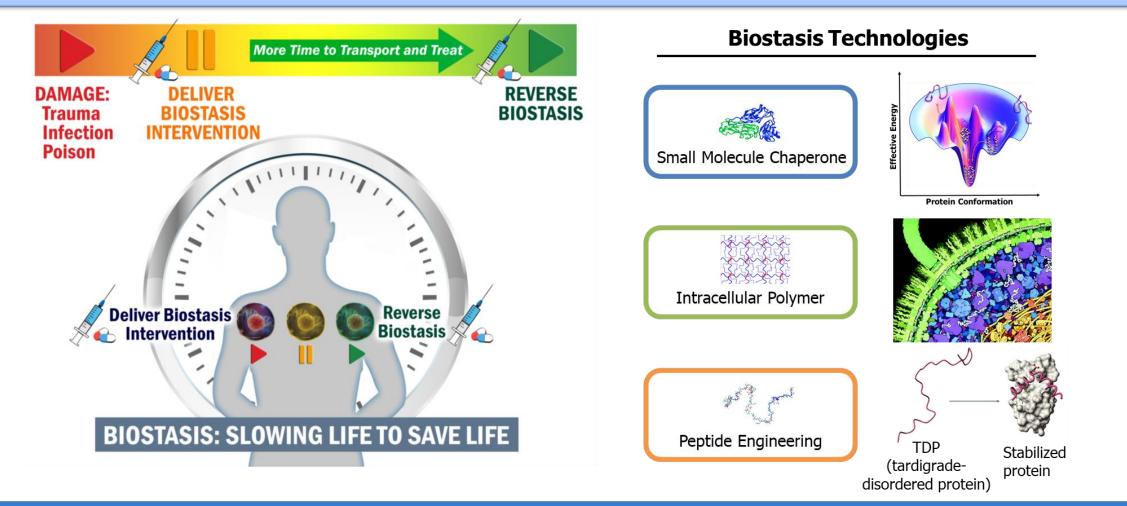
Traditional inert building materials

Self-grown engineered living materials Use cases for grown engineered living materials

Vision: Engineer living, DoD-relevant building materials that grow in field, self-repair, and respond predictably to their environment



DoD Problem: Time is not on the military's side during trauma events



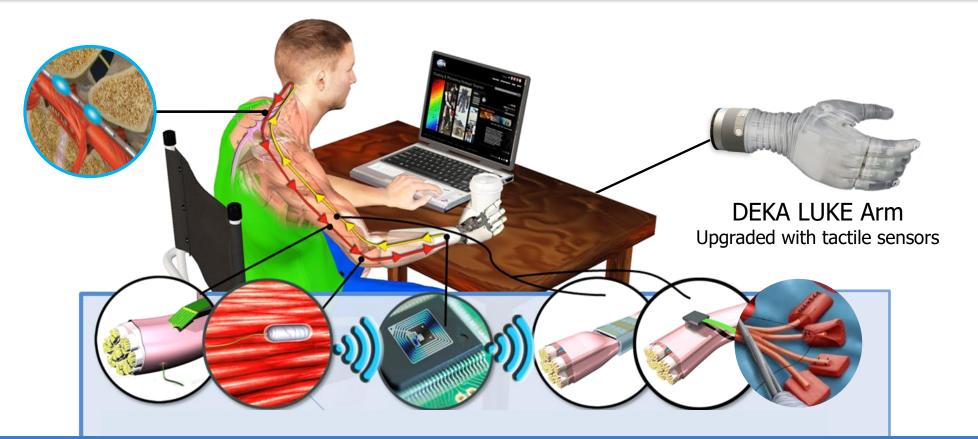
Vision: Extend the time for lifesaving medical treatment, "the Golden Hour," following traumatic injury or acute infection, increasing survivability for military personnel operating in far-forward conditions



Prosthetic Hand Proprioception and Touch Interfaces (HAPTIX)

WARFIGHTER PERFORMANCE

DoD Problem: Existing SOA prostheses for wounded warriors do not provide sensory feedback



Vision: Create integrated, implantable devices that enable veteran amputees to control and sense state-of-the-art prostheses



BTO Persons, Backgrounds, and Programs

Program Manager	Tech Background	Detect & Protect	Physiological Intervention	Warfighter Performance	Operational Biology
Lori Adornato Ph.D.	Oceanography	PALS			
Blake Bextine Ph.D.	Entomology/Botany	Insect Allies APT			ELM ReSource
Anne Cheever Ph.D.	Synthetic Biology	Safe Genes			Living Foundries
Linda Chrisey Ph.D.	Microbiology			Proposals Due	BioReporters ReVector
Rohit Chitale Ph.D.	Infectious Disease	PREEMPT		17 Sept 2020	
Seth Cohen Ph.D.	Chemistry	INTERCEPT	HEALR		AWE
Jean-Paul Chretien Ph.D.	Epidemiology	DIGET			
Kerri Dugan Ph.D.	Molecular Biology	RTA			
Al Emondi Ph.D.	Neuroengineering		BG+	INI N3 NESD	
Amy Jenkins Ph.D.	Infectious Disease	P3 NOW PREPARE			
Tristan McClure-Begley Ph.D.	Pharmacology	Battlefield Medicine	Biostasis Focused Pharma	TNT Panacea	
Paul Sheehan Ph.D.	Chemical Physics	Friend or Foe	BETR		ADAPTER Biological Control
Eric Van Gieson Ph.D.	Biomedical Engineering	ЕСНО РРВ		МВА	

DARPA Information Innovation Office (I20)

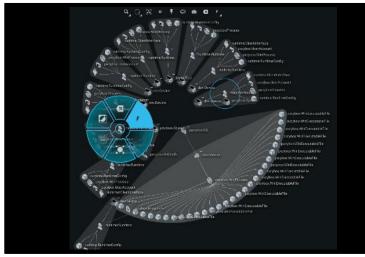
William Scherlis, Office Director Jennifer Roberts, Deputy Director

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Advantage in cyber operations



Resilient, adaptable, and **secure systems**



Proficient artificial intelligence

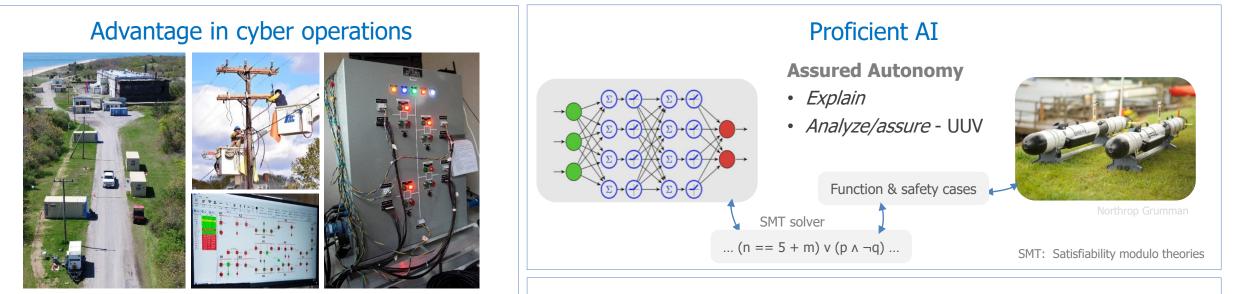


Confidence in the **information domain**





Information Innovation Office (I2O) – Example programs in each area



RADICS

• Black start recovery of the power grid during a cyber attack

Resilient, adaptable, and secure systems

OPS-5G

- Open Hardware/software decoupling
- *Programmable* Configure to the mission
- Secure Trust and security

Secure open source SW Fast SW development

OPS-5G



HW

Confidence in the information domain

Media Forensics (MediFor)

• *Images/video* – Deep fakes

Semantic Forensics (SemaFor)

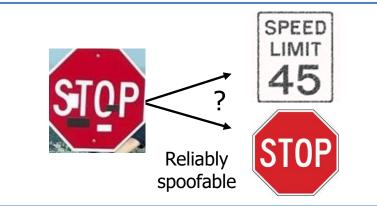
• *Multi-modal* – False narratives





Proficient artificial intelligence

Fragility, opacity, dynamism



Trustworthiness



Dog or wolf?

I2O Thrust areas: Proficient AI Advantage in cyber operations Resilient, adaptable, and secure systems Confidence in the information domain

Challenges

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- **AI engineering.** How do we engineer systems to safely deliver AI to the mission?
- **Teams with integrated AI.** How can AI best partner with human teams?
- **Mission-tailored AI ensembles.** How can the full range of AI techniques be used to create advantage in diverse mission contexts?
- **Rapid training.** How can AI systems be reliably and efficiently trained, with much less data? How can the AI learn to improve itself?
- Self-moderating systems. How can AI systems gain awareness of system health, strengths and limitations, and available resources so that systems can adapt to complex mission contexts?

Robust physical world attacks on deep learning models https://arxiv.org/pdf/1707.08945.pdf

UCI canine imag



I2O Thrust areas: Proficient AI
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Cyber operations teams supported by advanced tooling, analytics, and AI



Challenges

- Attacks. How can cyber attacks be prevented, detected, misdirected, and deterred?
- Operators. How can cyber operators best be supported in the face of rapidly evolving threats, continuous TTP enhancements, and optempos ranging from milliseconds to months?
- **Domains.** How can cyber operations capability be effectively integrated with kinetic and non-kinetic BMC2?
- **Data and SA.** How do we provide effective situation awareness, both real time and forensic, based on an overwhelming quantity of data?
- **Confidence.** What are mechanisms to assess confidence in cyber tools and TTPs with respect to effectiveness of engagement?

Georgia Army National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Tracy J. Smith



Resilient, adaptable, and secure systems

Software is the most critical building material of our age



Challenges

- I2O Thrust areas: Proficient AI Advantage in cyber operations
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- **Operate through.** How can we engineer resilient systems that can operate through cyber attacks?
- **Rapid evolution.** How do we build and assure systems that can rapidly evolve in the face of changing threats and improving algorithms? How can we deliver "framework and apps" model for military capabilities, analogous to mobile devices and desktops?
- **Re-certification.** What tooling and evidence can be developed to facilitate rapid and confident re-certification based on direct evaluation and measurement, rather than on process and compliance?
- **Cyber-physical and IoT.** How can we facilitate the rapid, confident, and assured development of embedded and highly distributed systems?
- **Legacy enhancement.** How do we enhance security, performance, and capability for existing legacy systems?
- **Safe sharing.** How can we safely and securely share complex structured data and active documents?
- **Configuration.** How can we be confident that configuration and component updates for large systems are safe and compatible? In addition, how can we be confident that the code that was evaluated is the code that is running?

DARPA

Confidence in the information domain

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Human intuition can be misleading in non-kinetic domains



ThisPersonDoesNotExist.com

I2O in the Information Domain: Effective and confident operations in the complex and diverse terrain of information and non-kinetic battle management

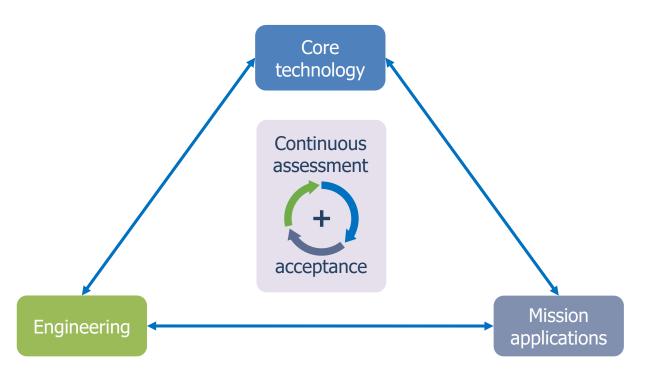
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- **Predict.** How do we predict transits to kinetic, and use that information to deter or mitigate those transits? What are effective TTPs for non-kinetic engagement, and how can we measure that effectiveness?
- Data and SA. In developing situation awareness in non-kinetic domains, what are data sources beyond social media? How can their reliability be evaluated?
- **Complexity in non-kinetic multi-domain operations (MDO).** What analytics and tools can be provided to better support MDO at all echelons, and enable us to prevail in the complexity battle?
- **Human language.** How can human language processing be adapted to exploit the linguistic constraints of engineering, scientific, legal, and other stylized documents to extract rich meanings? How can we rapidly and confidently build models of adversary information campaigns across the spectrum from strategic to tactical?



- **1. Computing technologies** are advancing rapidly. There is no plateau in sight.
- **2.** Today's adversaries (2+N) are sophisticated and nimble in the cyber and information domains.
- **3. Critical military systems** are more likely to need continual enhancement. Threats are evolving rapidly, as are emerging computing capabilities.
- **4. Flexibility in equities** is required. Aggressively advance both defensive and offensive capability.
- **5. Human-machine partnering** is essential for future multi-domain operations. This teaming will be a source of advantage in battle management.



MTO Overview

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MTO's core mission is the development of high-performance, intelligent microsystems and next-generation components to enable dominance in national security C4ISR, EW, and DE applications

The effectiveness, survivability, and lethality of these systems depends critically on microsystems

C4ISR: Command, Control, Communications, Computer, Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance

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Embedded Microsystem Intelligence / Localized Processing Next Gen Front-End Technologies for Electromagnetic Spectrum Dominance

Microsystem Integration for Functional Density & Security

Disruptive Defense Microsystem Applications

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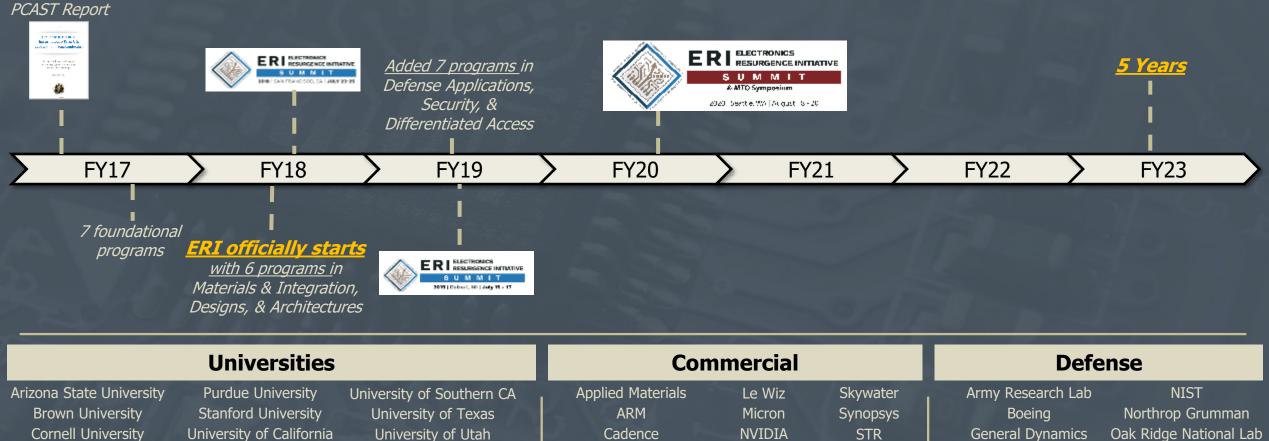




Directed Energy



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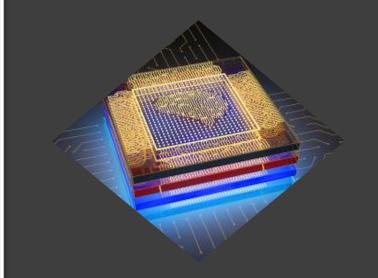


Embedded Microsystem Intelligence / Localized Processing: Key Challenges



Increasing information processing density & efficiency

Problem: Current processors cannot be scaled to DoD needs



Potential Approaches

- Low temperature computing
- New computing materials
- New computing algorithms

Making decisions at the edge faster

Problem: Conventional algorithms and associated platforms not sufficiently fast for emerging threats



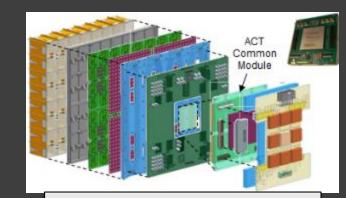
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Potential Approaches

• Artificial intelligence / machine learning for decision making at the edge

Reducing the glut of digitized sensor data

Problem: Volume of data captured in static sensor architectures overwhelms processing capability



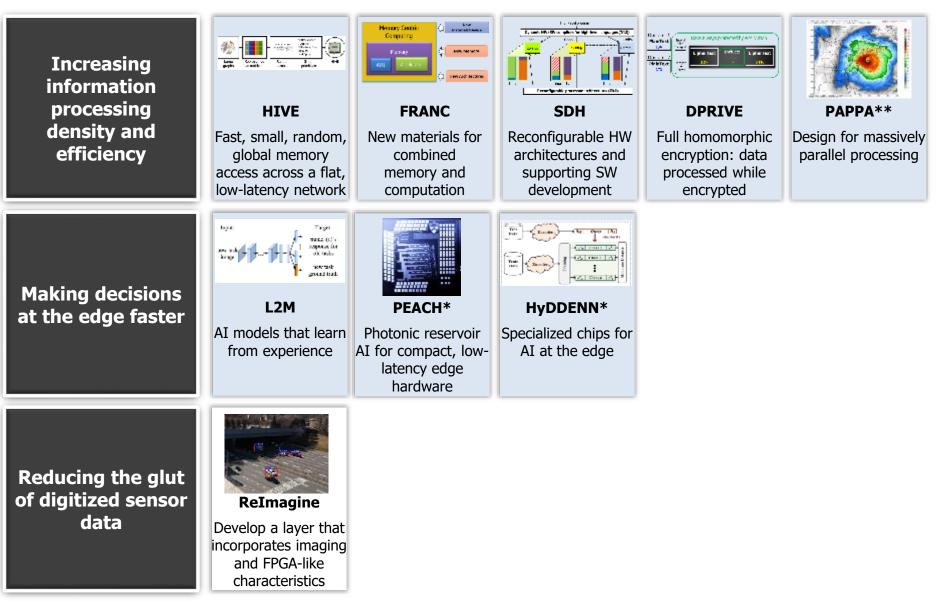
ACT Signal Processing Challenge: 51.2 GSPS/element * 10 bit/Sample * 2 Pol * 512 elements = **524 Tbps**

Potential Approaches

- New reconfigurable architectures with more on-chip functionality
- Scalable algorithms



Embedded Microsystem Intelligence / Localized Processing



<u>Key</u> Blue = ERI * = AIE ** = μE

(U) Next Gen Front-End Technologies for EM Spectrum Dominance: Key Challenges



Reducing SWaP-C of front-end elements

Problem: Bulky electronics and optics undermine ability to miniaturize sensors and systems



Potential Approaches

- Wafer-scale electronics and optics
- Chip-scale sensors
- Advances in quantum sensors

Increasing tactical range

Problem: Range of EW, DE, and C4ISR is limited by inherent properties of current electronic materials and transmitter efficiency

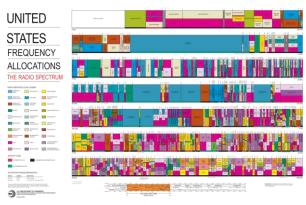


Potential Approaches

- Emerging electronic materials
- New PA architectures / circuit design techniques

Enabling robust operation in congested spectrum

Problem: RF components are insufficiently adaptable or robust to operate in increasingly congested spectrum



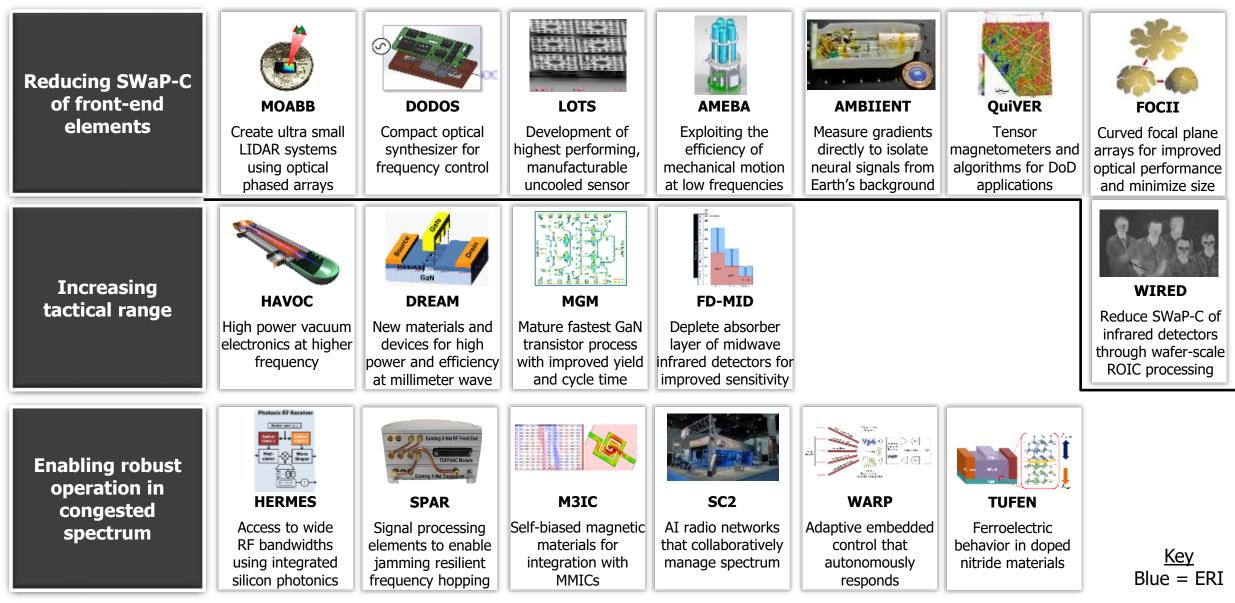
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Potential Approaches

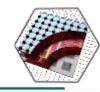
- New materials / devices integrated directly onto RF MMICs
- Real-time adaptive technologies for navigating crowded RF environments



Next Generation Front-End Technologies for Electromagnetic Spectrum Dominance

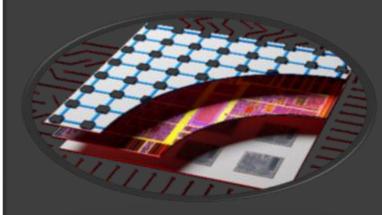


DARPA Microsystem Integration for Functional Density & Security: Key Challenges



Overcoming the inherent throughput limits of 2D electronics

Problem: 2D computing with traditional interconnects between processor and memory limits throughput and drives energy consumption

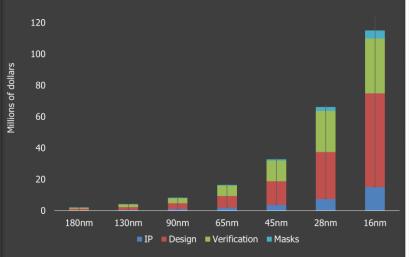


Potential Approaches

- 3-dimensional electronics
- Integration of photonics with optics
- New materials *e.g.*, nanotubes
- Heterogeneous electronics with Si-like back-end processing

Mitigating the skyrocketing costs of electronics design

Problem: Increasingly complex circuit architectures are making design costs prohibitive for commercial industry and DoD

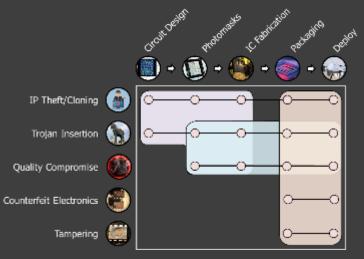


Potential Approaches

- Design tools and hardware with machine learning capability
- Trusted open source tools
- Modular circuit design with relevant standards and interconnects

Overcoming security threats across the entire hardware lifecycle

Problem: Persistent hardware threats limit the ability to access and utilize advanced electronics technology

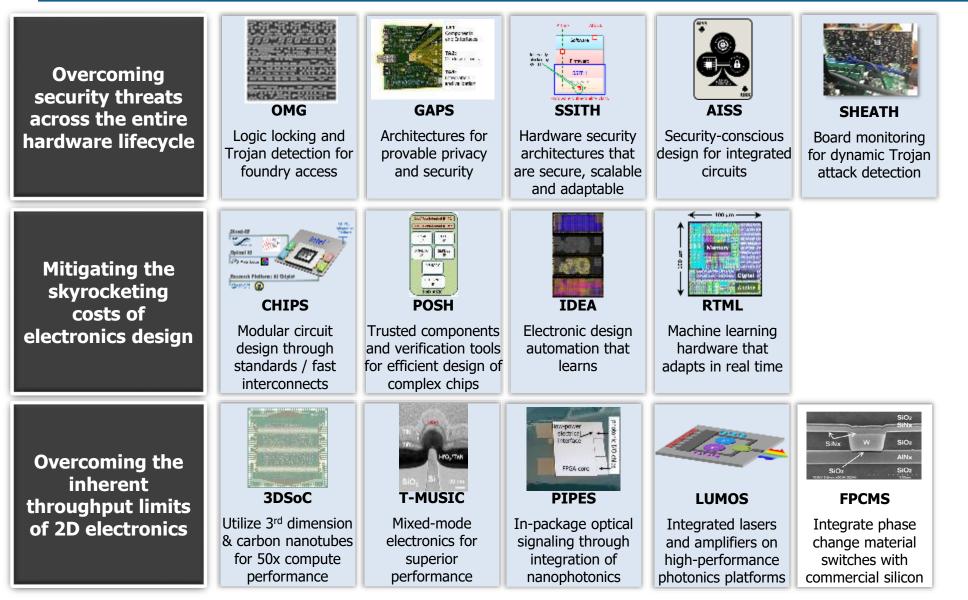


Potential Approaches

- EDA based technologies
- Inspection based technologies
- Supply chain based technologies



Microsystem Integration for Functional Density & Security



Approved for Public Release; Distribution Unlimited

(U) Disruptive Defense Microsystems Applications: Key Challenges



Revolutionizing communications (5G and beyond)

Problem: Ensuring network availability and security



Potential Approaches

- Digital arrays
- Low power element-level beamforming
- Advanced techniques for secure comms

Reducing latency in EW

Problem: Adaptive threats challenge ability to detect and counter



Potential Approaches

- Neural networks for RF signal recognition
- Embedded machine learning for cognitive EW systems

Generating / directing high power radiation

Problem: Advanced threats require high power countermeasures

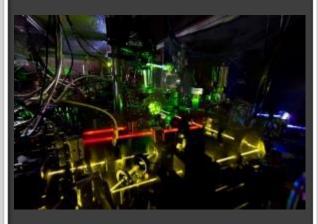


Potential Approaches

- Ultra-efficient, high power laser diodes
- Compact, high power laser arrays
- High power microwave systems

Delivering accurate position and timing w/o GPS

Problem: Low SWaP-C solutions required for GPS-denied environments

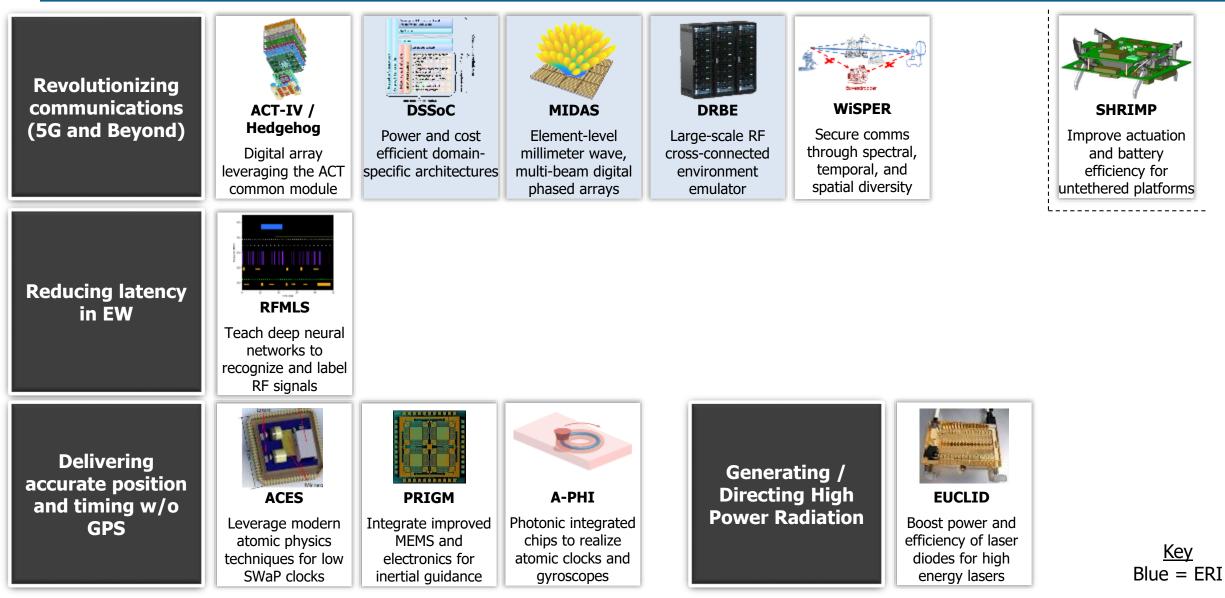


Potential Approaches

- Modern atomic physics for low SWaP clocks
- Advanced MEMS for inertial guidance
- Integrated photonic chips for clocks / gyros



Disruptive Defense Microsystems Applications



DARPA Outreach

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August 2020





DARPA makes pivotal investments that lead to breakthrough technologies for national security

Revolutionary not Evolutionary

To maximize the pool of innovative proposal concepts it receives, DARPA strongly encourages participation by all sources: industry (small and large), academia, and entrepreneurial individuals

The DARPA Culture:

- Maintain and encourage innovation and the ability to execute rapidly and effectively
- DARPA Program Managers "Key individuals" are:
 - Selected from industry, academia, and government agencies (longevity with DARPA 3-5 years)
 - Considered at the top of their fields
 - Tackles difficult challenges and takes big risks which push the limits of their disciplines



- Become familiar with DARPA's challenges and opportunities for National Security http://www.darpa.mil/about-us/about-darpa
- Contact a DARPA Program Manager (PM) about your idea prior to submitting a abstract, white paper, or proposal to gain insight, PMs are key to working with DARPA http://www.darpa.mil/about-us/people
- Visit www.grants.gov or www.fedbizopps.gov to view DARPA Broad Agency Announcements (BAAs), Research Announcement (RAs), and Program Solicitations (PS)
- Visit https://sbir.defensebusiness.org/ to view DoD Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) Program Announcements
- For DARPA SBIRS/STTRs: https://www.fbo.gov/index?s=opportunity&mode=form&id=e1f89874eee960aa313bc998ab848 c81&tab=core&_cview=1



Characteristics of DARPA Solicitations for Research:

- No common Statement of Work (SOW)
- Varying technical approaches/solutions are anticipated
- Proposals are evaluated with technical merit and approach as the main factor
- Communication with proposers allowed during the open period of the BAA
- White papers or proposal abstracts may be solicited
- Industry Days where Program Managers brief interested communities on the research

Typical Solicitation Types:

- Program-specific BAAs released throughout the year (typically allow any type of award)
- Office-wide BAAs for one or two years with general tech-office scope
- Research announcements for grants or cooperative agreements (e.g., Young Faculty Award)
- Program Solicitations for Other Transactions (e.g., Artificial Intelligence Exploration)
- Requests for Proposals or Quotes for services or commodities (e.g., IT, SETA, Security)



Seedlings

- Open to all capable sources
- Usually submitted through Office-Wide BAA
- Small short duration (6-9 months) projects
- Move concepts from "disbelief" to "mere doubt"
- Lead to the next generation of program ideas



Explore ways to combine or convert commercially available products such as offthe-shelf electronics, components created through rapid prototyping, and open-source code to cost-effectively create sophisticated military technologies

Challenges

- Compete on unique DARPA R&D problems
- Tend to include phases with culminating events with monetary or other prizes
- May result in a prize with up to a \$10M fair market value

Subterranean Challenge

Innel Environment Cave Environment

Programs

- Open to all capable sources
- Proposals solicited through specific program BAAs
- Often multi-year, multi-disciplinary efforts
- Technology development to move from "possibility" to "capability"

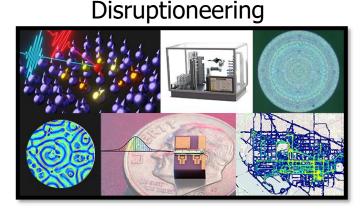
Next-Generation Nonsurgical Neurotechnology





Open Exploration Opportunities

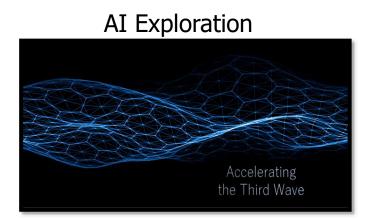
- Feasibility Study (3-9 months) to optional proof of concept (9-15 months) \$1M total
- Risk reduction targeted investments leading to potential future investment
- 90 days from concept release to award



Quickly explore the most radical and potentially highest-payoff for fundamental research



Explore frontiers in embedded microsystem intelligence and localized processing; novel electromagnetic components and technologies; microsystem integration for functional density and security; and disruptive microsystem applications in C4ISR, electronic warfare, and directed energy



AI addressing limitations of first and second wave AI technologies shaping a future in which AI-enabled machines serve as trusted, collaborative partners in solving problems of importance to national security



Evaluation of Proposals

- <u>Typical</u> Evaluation Criteria (listed in descending order of importance)
 - Overall Scientific and Technical Merit
 - Innovative, feasible, achievable, and complete
 - Technical team has expertise and experience needed
 - Major technical risks identified and mitigated
 - Potential Contribution and Relevance to the DARPA Mission
 - Relevant to the national technology base
 - Pivotal early technology investment that creates or prevents strategic surprise for national security
 - Cost Realism
 - Proposed costs are realistic for the approach
 - Accurately reflects technical goals and objectives of the solicitation
 - Reflects sufficient understanding of the costs and level of effort needed to successfully perform
 - Prime and subawardee costs are substantiated by the details provided in the proposal



- Review
 - DARPA policy to ensure impartial, equitable, comprehensive proposal evaluations
 - Scientific / Technical review, of conforming proposals, based on evaluation criteria
 - Proposals are not evaluated against each other since there is no common work statement
- Feedback
 - Abstract feedback includes brief rationale on whether DARPA recommends proposer submits full proposal
 - Proposer may submit a full proposal regardless of DARPA's feedback
 - After full proposal submittal and notification of non-selection, proposers may request in-formal feedback session
 - Explanation of the scientific review process and evaluation criteria used
 - Only proposer's proposal will be discussed
 - Discuss proposer's strengths and weaknesses under each evaluation criteria



SBIR/STTR Program

DARPA pilot to advertise SBIR/STTR topics outside of the three pre-determined announcements issued at the DoD level

- Align SBIR/STTR funding opportunities with DARPA's programs
- Place select awardees into DARPA Entrepreneurial Investigator Initiative (EI2) to provide targeted commercialization assistance
- Stimulate technological innovation
- Increase private sector commercialization of Federal R&D to increase competition, productivity and economic growth
- Foster and encourage participation by socially and economically disadvantaged small businesses;
- Stimulate a partnership of ideas and technologies between innovative SBCs and research institutions

Phase	SBIR	STTR
Phase I	\$225K Base (10 mos.)	\$225K Base (10 mos.)
Phase II/ Adoptions	\$1M Base (24 mos.) \$500K Option (12 mos.)	\$1M Base (24 mos.) \$500K Option (12 mos.)
Phase II Enhancement	\$1:\$1 Match Up to \$500K	\$1:\$1 Match Up to \$500K
Phase III	No time limit No SBIR funds	No time limit No STTR funds

SBIR 3.2% R&D Budget

FY19 - \$100M

STTR

.45% R&D Budget

FY19 - \$12M

SBIR/STTR is the Largest Source of Early Stage Technology Financing in the U.S.



Embedded Entrepreneur Initiative:

- Pilot Accelerator Program for SBIR/STTR Phase II performers
- Goal to move technology from lab to sustainable business for commercial/defense sector sales
- Submit a compelling commercialization strategy along with SBIR/STTR proposal
- Determination for acceptance into the Embedded Entrepreneur Initiative is made following successful SBIR/STTR award
- \$250,000 additional funding to bring an entrepreneur-in-residence onto SBIR/STTR contracts
- Provides access to DARPA advisors, mentors from industry, and DARPA's network of investors
- Help build and refine a go-to market strategy over the course of the DARPA Award
 - Customer engagement plan
 - Market analysis and mapping
 - Competitive analysis
 - Techno-economic analysis
 - IP securement strategy and
 - Financial Plan

http://www.darpa.mil/work-with-us/for-small-businesses/commercialization-continued



Small Business Innovative Research

- Small businesses with 500 or fewer employees
- Independently owned and operated for profit
- Have its principal place of business in the U.S.
- Be at least 51% owned by U.S. citizens or lawfully admitted permanent resident aliens
- The primary employment of the principal investigator must be with the small business
- A minimum of 2/3 of the research work must be performed by the proposing firm in Phase I and 1/2 in Phase II

Small Business Technology Transfer

- Small businesses with 500 or fewer employees; there is no size limit on the research institution
- Partnership with a U.S. research institution
- 40% of work performed by small business
- 30% of work performed by research institution
- Small business must manage and control the STTR funding agreement
- Principal investigator may be employed at the small business or research institution

UNDERSTANDING IPAS AT DARPA

Mary Vander Linden Director, Strategic Resources Office



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OVERVIEW OF IPA

Intergovernmental Personnel Agreement (IPA) – a *formal yet flexible* arrangement between government and the affiliated:

- Academic Institution
- Federally Funded Research and Development Center (FFRDC)
- Non-Profit Organization

Government reimburses personnel costs to home organization

- Salary reimbursed based on expertise and experience
- DARPA pays 12 month per diem or household move

Brings world-leading expertise to DARPA for a limited term to drive high-risk research programs with unparalleled autonomy



DARPA IPA DOCUMENTATION

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entify, where appropriate, the office to which invoices and time and attendance reco	with should be sent	34. Check Appropriate Boxes.			
 Federal Agency Obligations (If paying more than 50 percent of a Federal employee's salary beyond a 6-month period, specify rationale for cost-sharing 	27. State or Local Government agency Obligations	X A. The rules and policies governing the internal operation and management of the agency to which my assignment is made under this agreement will be observed by me.	D. I have been informed of app permanent employer become s	licable provisions should my position with my ubject to a reduction-in-force procedure.	
decision.) DARPA will reimburse Affiliated University for Dr. Arpa's salary (block 23) and for Affiliated University share of employee fringe benefits (block 31) equivalent to XX% of salary and variable pay. Billings should include a separate breakdown of salary, variable pay, and fringe benefits and be	Affiliated University will continue to pay Dr. Arpa's salary and benefits and withhold employee contributions for benefits and taxes. *Salary beyond the salary cited in block 23 is the sole responsibility of	B. I have been informed that my assignment may be terminated at any time at the option of the Federal agency or the State or local government. C. I have been informed that any travel and transportation expenses covered			
submitted quarterly to: DARPA Comptroller	Affiliated University.	from Federal agency appropriations may be recoverable as a debt due to the United States, if do not serve until the completion of rm assignment (unless terminated earlier by either employer) or one year, whichever is shorter.	expenses (except salary) of my assignment. (For Federal Employees Only).		
via email at DARPAIPAINVOICES@DARPA.MIL	In accordance with this agreement, invoice reimbursements by DARPA	PART 14 - CERTIFICATION OF ASSIGNED EMPLOYEE			
	will not exceed computations and limitations identified in Blocks 23, 24 & 26 without prior written approval from the Director, Strategic Resources	In signing this agreement, I certify that I understand the terms of this agreement and	l agree to the rules, regulations and policies as indicated in Part 13 above.		
nvoices must be submitted on company letterhead and must be signed and dated by authorized individual.	Office, DARPA.	35. Location of Assignment (Name of Organization)	36. Date (Month, Day, Year) From	То	
The invoice period will cease on the termination date of this agreement.		Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency 675 North Randolph Street Arlington, VA 22203	March 7, 2019	March 6, 2019	
		37. Signature of Assigned Employee	38. Date of Signature (Month, Day,	Year)	
PART 10 - CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND EMPLOYEE CONDUCT					
X 28. Applicable Federal, State or local conflict-of-interest laws have been review arise during this assignment.	ed with the employee to assure that conflict-of-interest situations do not inadvertently	PART 15 - CERTIFICATION OF APPROVING OFFICIALS In signing this agreement, we certify that;			
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29. The employee has been notified of laws, rules and regulations, and policies	on employee conduct which apply to him/her while on this assignment.	 the description of duties and responsibilities is current and fully and accurately 		/ee;	
PART 11 - OPTIONS		 this assignment is being entered in to serve a sound, mutual public purpose a 			
A. Federal Employees Group Life Insurance Generation (1)	31. State or Local Agency Benefits (Indicate all State employee benefits that will be related by the State or local agency employee being assigned to a Federal agency. Also include a statement certifying coverage in all State and local employee benefit programs that are elected by Federal employee on leave	 at the completion of the assignment, the participating employee will be returne position of like seniority, status pay. 	ed to the position he or she occupied at t	he time this agreement was entered into or a	
Covered X N/A	without pay from the Federal agency to a State or local agency.)	State or Local Government Agency	Federal Agency		
Federal Civil Service Retirement system or Federal Employees Retirement System Covered X N/A	n Health and life insurance, disability, social security, unemployment, retirement and leave (personal, vacation, sick, and holidays). **	39. Signature of Authorizing Officer	40. Signature of Authorizing Officer		
	*See Block 32 for clarification.			201 - 10	
C. Federal employee Health Benefits		41. Date of Signature (Month, Day, Year)	42. Date of Signature (Month, Day,	Year)	
Covered X N/A					
32. Other Benefits (Indicate any other employee benefits to be made part of this agr		43. Typed Name and Title	44. Typed Name and Title		
Clarification of Fringe Benefits Coverage: The organization cited in block approved amounts set forth in this agreement. The fringe rate listed in Block	9 of this agreement will be responsible for providing benefits from within the ock 26 of this agreement will cover only the benefits stated in Block 31.	Dr. Supe R. Visor	Mary Vander Linden		
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Leave (personal, vacation, sick, and holiday) are included in the base and pay-outs are not an allowable expense under this IPA.	supplemental pay rate subject to any prevailing wage cap. Unused leave	PRIVACY AG			
		Sections 3373 and 3374, Assignment of Employees To or From State or Local Governments, of Title 5, U.S. Code, authorizes collection of this information. The data will be used primarily to formulty document and record your temporary	Order 9397, which is permitted	ity Number (SSN) is authorized by Execu by use of the SSN as an identifier of indivi gencies. Furnishing your SSN or any other	
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